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## Announcing Wisconsin Medicaid's companion documents for the HIPAA-compliant TA1 Interchange Acknowledgment and 997 Functional Acknowledgment

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/).

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The Wisconsin Medicaid companion documents for the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)-compliant\* TA1 Interchange Acknowledgment and 997 Functional Acknowledgment transactions, commonly referred to as the TA1 and 997, are now available from Wisconsin Medicaid. Companion documents provide Wisconsin Medicaid-specific information that should be used with the national HIPAA Implementation Guides. Implementation Guides define the electronic format and values for each data element within an electronic transaction. These companion documents provide

information for interpreting the TA1 and 997 received from Wisconsin Medicaid. The TA1 is the format standard for reporting files rejected for interchange level errors. The 997 is the format standard for reporting transactions accepted and transactions rejected. Companion documents will be effective with the implementation of HIPAA. A future *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* will notify providers of the implementation dates.

### Obtaining information

Companion documents are available on the Wisconsin Medicaid Web site at [www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/). For paper copies of companion documents call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883.

Implementation Guides may be downloaded from Washington Publishing Company at [www.wpc-edi.com/hipaa/HIPAA\\_40.asp/](http://www.wpc-edi.com/hipaa/HIPAA_40.asp/). To obtain the CD-ROM version call Washington Publishing Company at (800) 972-4334.

\*The TA1 Interchange Acknowledgment and 997 Functional Acknowledgment assist the exchange of HIPAA-mandated transactions.